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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Stephane BERTHOLIN et al.

Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody

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Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONNECTION WITH RELATIVE AND  
CONTROLLED SEALING BETWEEN A PIPE AND A CERAMIC TUBE

**REPLY**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office action dated December 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.